

Governance Issues and Lessons Learned

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Issues/Characteristics to consider when designing a governing structure:

- Scope
- Functions and Responsibilities
- Membership and participation
- Operational Attributes
- Legal structure
- Types of authorities
- Finances

Top Ten Lessons

- Consider Political Viability
- Let Function Dictate Structure
- Consider Broad Trends in Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- Foster a Regional Perspective
- Utilize a Problemshd Approach
- Utilize a Process Orientation
- Do Not Burden Administrative Bodies with Fundamental Policy Issues
- Recognize the Importance of Conflict Resolution
- Design Mechanisms for Accountability
- Promote Flexibility and Creativity